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24.11.2011 | What is Landscape? Landscape is the place where everything takes place, where we live, work, relax, draw our resources from, the archive of our history, the treasure trove of bio diversity, the setting for our life and the basis of social cohesion, health and a good living.

Why make Landscape a policy focus now? Landscape has been changing rapidly during the last decades. But now it comes under a pressure of previously unknown dimensions: climate change, the financial and economic crises and the new energy policy will change landscape on a really big scale. The new high-power grit for electricity, wind turbines, solar energy fields, energy-crops to name but some new developments will change the landscape completely – and social conflicts and frictions are unavoidable. These need to be managed, or they will get out of hand.

What will be the benefit of Landscape as a policy focus? Landscape is close to the heart of the European citizens. Landscape is the background for our identity. Landscape policy has to be pro-active, participative and close to the people, it brings together all the different branches of policy making: social, economic, cultural, environmental – it all integrates into landscape. A modern landscape policy therefore should be integrative, democratic and strengthening the civil society.

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CIVILSCAPE

We are the landscape people!

CIVILSCAPE is an international association of civil society organizations. These are non-governmental organisations (NGO) which dedicate their work to landscape protection, management and planning, according to the “European Landscape Convention” (Florence, October 20th 2000).

“Landscape” means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors. Therefore our activities cover natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. It includes land, inland water and marine areas. It concerns landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes. “Landscapes” are an essential component of people’s



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European Landscape Networks



CIVILSCAPE cooperates with two partners on European level regarding the European Landscape Convention (ELC). Both European partners are umbrella organisations like **CIVILSCAPE**. These three partners are the European Landscape Networks.



RECEP-ENELC



RECEP-ENELC is an international association of local and regional authorities promoting the implementation of the European Landscape Convention continent-wide. It was established in 2006, under the aegis of the Council of Europe’s Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

In this framework, **RECEP-ENELC** encourages the dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge concerning the landscape. Within **RECEP-ENELC**, local and regional authorities have the opportunity to co-operate within a common framework, supported by an international structure, establishing contacts with the competent international organisations, EU Institutions, States’ authorities, non-governmental organisations.

surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity.

CIVILSCAPE is dedicated to creating an enabling environment for civil society organizations, documenting the civil society organizations community, strengthening the infrastructure of the citizen sector, and promoting collaboration, both among civil society organizations and between civil society organizations, political or administrative bodies and other actors, to advance the public good in Europe and beyond.

non-governmental organizations, universities and other bodies interested in the implementation of the ELC. In accordance with its Statutes, RECEP-ENELC organs are the General Assembly, the Executive Board, the Technical Co-ordination Board and the Scientific Committee.

UNISCAPE



UNISCAPE is an international non-governmental organisation composed of sub-national public authorities. Its aim is to support the interested local and regional authorities, at the scientific, technical, political and administrative levels, in their activities aimed at implementing the ELC's principles within their territories.

The aim of UNISCAPE is to support and reinforce scientific interdisciplinary co-operation among European universities regarding landscape issues, especially in the areas of research and teaching. UNISCAPE promotes the principles and the objectives of the European Landscape Convention. Concerning research activities, UNISCAPE promotes study and experimentation activities relating to landscapes, their evolution and transformations.

UNISCAPE encourages and assists its members to provide each other technical and scientific assistance in landscape matters through exchange of experience and the results of research projects; to promote the exchange of landscape specialists, in particular for training and information purposes; to exchange information on all matters covered by the European Landscape Convention requirements.

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